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1. APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING POSSIBLITY PRO-
CUREMENT FY 75 AND 76 ALIVE. AS INDICATED REF
B, HOWEVER, WE SEE NO NEED TO CONTINUE TO EARMARK
FUNDS FOR FY 75 PROCUREMENT. THESE CAN DEFI-
NITELY BE RELEASED.

2. RE FY 76, WE AGREED TO YOUR CONTINUING TO
PROGRAM FUNDS FOR LATE FY 76 OR EXTRA QUARTER
(JULY-SEPT) PROCUREMENT ACTION. WHILE PACE OF
PROGRESS TO DATE IN ACTIVATING FIUS IS NOT
SATISFACTORY, WE BELIEVE THAT IF PNCB DOES MEET ITS
JUNE 30 DEADLINE DESCRIBED IN REF B AND PARA 4 BELOW,
THESE IS REASONABLE CHANCE FOR ASSESSMENT, REVIEW,
AGREEMENT WITH GOP AND OBLIGATION OF FUNDS WITHIN FY
76. IF, HOWEVER, AS MISSION ACTICIPATES, FIUS ARE NOT
FULLY OPERATIONAL UNTIL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, THERE WILL
STILL BE TIME TO ASSESS THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND THE
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DEGREE OF COMMITMENT TO ENFORCEMENT OF A REASONABLE

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LICENSING AND ANTI-SMUGGLING PROGRAM TO PLACE ORDERS
FOR MORE EQUIPMENT IF JUSTIFIABLE.

3. RE PARA 2, REF A, SUGGESTION THAT TIME IS NOW
RIPE FOR HIGHER LEVEL APPROACH TOSVOP, MISSION BELIEVES
THAT SUCHSZPPROACH ON FIUS AND CROP REPLACEMENT WOULD
AT BEST BE NONPRODUCTIVE AND, AT WORST COUNTERPRODUC-
TIME. DEPT IS AWARE OF PAST CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
BY AMBASSADOR BYROADE AND BY AMBASSADORS BYROADE AND
VANCE; ALSO CALLS BY AMBASSADOR, DCM AND USAID DIRECTOR
ON SECRETARY OF THE CABINET AND BY DCM AND USAID
DIRECTOR ON SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. IT IS
OBVIOUS FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT THERE IS NO ONE
WITH MORE INTEREST AND INFLUENCE THAN CHAIRMAN PNCB BETWEEN CHAIRMAN
AND PM BHUTTO. THE INFORMATION WE CONVEYED AND THE
QUESTIONS WE ASKED AT THESE MEETINGS WERE ALL PASSED
BACK TO THE CHAIRMAN, PNCB, FOR HIS RESPONSE AND
ACTION. WE NEVER RECEIVED A DIRECT RESPONSE FROM
EITHER OF THESE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OFFICIALS, AND THE
ITESPONSES RECEIVED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PNCB WERE
GRACEFULLY GIVEN BUT WITH A CLEAR INDICATION THAT WE
MIGHT AS WELL APPROACH HIM DIRECTLY IN THE FUTURE. IN
ANY CASE, THE CHAIRMAN, PNCB, IS A VERY SENIOR OFFICIAL
AND, MOREOVER, THE PRESENT INCUMBENT HAS FAMILY POLI-
TICAL INFLUENCE.

4. THE EMB IS SOMEWHAT MORE HOPEFUL AS TO THE GENERAL
NARCOTICS OUTLOOK HERE IN VIEW OF THE INCREASE IN
PNCB ACTIONS IN THE PAST TWO-THREE MONTHS ALTHOUGH
MOVEMENT IS FAR FROM OUR SATISFACTION. THE CHAIRMAN,
PNCB, IS NEGOTIATING WITH OTHER FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THE SUPPLY OF EXPERIENCED
OFFICERS, OFFICE SPACE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES BY
THOSE AGENCIES IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE ALL 25 FIUS, UNDER
PNCB DIRECTION AND CONTROL, BY A JUNE 30, 1975 DEAD-
LINE. DEA SAIC REPORTS THAT SEVERAL OF THE PNCB
AGENTS WHICH DEA TRAINZR LAST JULY HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY
ADVISED THAT THEY WILL BE FIU GROUP LEADERS SUPER-
VISING OFFICERS SUPPLIED BY OTHER AGENCIES.

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5. FSOTHER TO ABOVE, WITH REGARD TO CROP SUBSTITUTION
PROGRAM, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY, EAD, AFTAB
AHMAD KHAN, FIRST MEETING OF JOINT GOP/US COMMITTEE ON
POPPY ERADICATION WAS CONVENED ON APRIL 29. MAIN
POINTS AND ACTIONS RESULTING WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOP WISHES MOVE AHEAD TO ELIMINATE POPPY
PRODUCTION IN SETTLED AREAS WITH MERGED AND TRIBAL

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AREAS TO FOLLOW.

B. TWO-TRACK PROGRAM IS TO BE DEVELOPED; ONE, A GRADUAL REDUCTION OF LICENSED PRODUCTION WITH STRICT ENFORCEMENT; TWO, A GRADUAL INTRODUCTION IN THE POPPY AREAS MOST AFFECTED OF AN OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

C. DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR B., BOTH GOP AND ANY U.S. CONTRIBUTION, WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO NORMAL ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALLOCATION FOR AREA.

D. TWO SUBCOMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED TO DEVELOP THE PLANS TO IMPLEMENT C. ABOVE. MEMCON FOLLOWS. BYROADE

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